

REMARKS

Applicant requests consideration and examination of Application Number 10/576,438.

With this submission, no new matter has been added to the application. Claims 1, 7, 21-22 and 26-27 have been amended, claim 25 has been canceled and claims 2-6, 8-20 and 23-24 are original.

Claims 1, 7, 21-22 and 27 are amended to correct apparent typographic errors. Claim 26, which previously depended on claim 25, is amended to include all the limitations of now-canceled claim 25 and original claim 26 and is rewritten in independent form.

Claim 25 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer pursuant to the Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.499 submitted concurrently with this preliminary amendment, as claim 25 is drawn to the non-elected group.

If a telephone conference would expedite review and allowance of claims 1-24 and 26-27 of the pending application or if the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner may contact the applicant via applicant's attorney at (920) 303-7970.

Respectfully submitted,

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